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SUBJECT: EC MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS MEETING, ROME, OCT.

6-7: POSSIBLE NEW ME DECLARATION

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEVANT TOLD EMBOFF OCTOBER 8 THAT MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES WHO ATTENDED THE LATEST EC ME EXPERTS MEETING IN ROME CAME UNPREPARED TO DISCUSS THE PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEM, A POSSIBLE NEW EC DECLARATION ON THE ME. THE EC MINISTERS WHO MET IN NEW YORK HAD INSTRUCTED THE EXPERTS TO PREPARE A REPORT ABOUT THE BASES ON WHICH A NEW DECLARATION MIGHT BE FORMULATED, SERVANT SAID, BUT SEVERAL EXPERTS CAME WITHOUT BACKGROUND PAPERS AND PLEADED LACK OF INSTRU-
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TIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, DISCUSSION WAS DULL (SERVANT SAID

HE TALKED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE) AND THE ONLY CONCLUSION REACHED WAS TO MEET AGAIN IN ROME OCTOBER 13 TO TRY TO HAMMER SOMETHING OUT. (LA BELLEISSUE WILL REPRESENT FRANCE, SINCE SERVANT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ENERGY PREPCON; THERE WILL BE, IN CONSEQUENCE, NO FRENCH REP AT NEXT WEEK'S NATO ME EXPERTS MEETING.)

2. SERVANT EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE TIME IS NOT RIPE FOR ANY NEW EC DECLARATION, BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS WHAT MIGHT BE CONTAINED IN A NEW FORMULATION, SIMPLY INDICATING THAT AN INITIAL DRAFT SUBMITTED BY THE GERMANS HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED AS A WORKING TEXT BY THE OTHERS. HE EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT THE DUTCH AND, ESPECIALLY, THE DANES WOULD AGREE TO ANOTHER DECLARATION.

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